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TELECAST FACILITIES IN BIHAR
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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(a) the names of cities/towns of Bihar where the Broadcasting facilities of Doordarshan/AIR has not been provided so far; (

(b) whether the Government propose to provide Broadcasting facility at these places also; (

(c) if so, the places identified for this purpose so far; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide this facility at the earliest?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): Whereas in respect of radio signals Bihar is fully covered, by population aswell as by area, Doordarshan coverage is available all over the country, including Bihar, in satellite mode. However, terrestrial TV coverage is presently estimated to be available to about 93.3% population of the State (including the population in fringe areas).

(c) & (d): Prasar Bharati does not have a policy to set up TV Transmitters/Radio Stationsat every city/town in a state but it is the constant endeavour to expand the AIR/Doordarshan coverageto uncovered areas of the country. For further expansion of TV coverage in Bihar, the following five transmitter projects viz. are presently under implementation:

For DD-I Service - Low Power Transmitters (LPT) at Ramnagar,
Kishanganj and Banka

For DD-2 Service - High Power Transmitter at Muzaffarapur
Ad LPT at Gaya.

These projects are at different stages of implementation and all steps are being taken to ensure timely completion of these projects.